

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 292
By Carter

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Rebecca Rhodes, on her selection as Teacher of the Year by the American Vocational Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary teachers who have given unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource: our children; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Rhodes is one such remarkable person, a voice of integrity in education; and

WHEREAS, the current Region II Winner of the 1993 "Outstanding Vocational Teacher of the Year" award has recently been selected Teacher of the Year by the American Vocational Association, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the high school students she teaches at Milan High School; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Vocational Association's "Home Economics Teacher of the Year" recipient has served her students with enthusiasm, industry and singular acumen as a high school home economics and education teacher; and

WHEREAS, the #1 ranked Cooperating Teacher for the University of Tennessee at Martin for Home Economics Education is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, this member of the West Tennessee March of Dimes Advisory Council and Education Committee has coordinated numerous workshops on topics such as family crisis, alcohol/drug abuse and date rape; and

WHEREAS, the developer of the innovative "Healthy Beginnings" program which won "Program of the Year" honors in 1992, 1993, and 1995 has informed students about birth control, pre/post natal care, budgeting and parenting skills; and

WHEREAS, this Family and Consumer Sciences program coordinator is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and is tremendously admired by students and fellow teachers alike; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Consumer and Homemaking grant award for 1994, Rebecca Rhodes was instrumental in creating a Funeral/Crisis Unit and Teen Esteem/Family Life curriculum for sixth to eighth graders; and

WHEREAS, she is most appreciative of the love, support and assistance she receives from her co-workers who describe her as "a natural leader and motivator"; and

WHEREAS, this Teacher of the Year, highly regarded as a professional and friend, is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service, and should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Rebecca Rhodes on being chosen as Teacher of the Year by the American Vocational Association, commend Ms. Rhodes' meritorious service to education, salute her expertise and dedication as an instructor, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.